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HPD Following Up on Tips Received

Harrisonburg, Va. – The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD), along with its partnering agencies, continue investigating the disappearance of two females from the city.

Timeline

Elizabeth Rodriguez Rubio, 48, and her granddaughter, Angie Carolina Rodriguez Rubio, 12, were reported missing the morning of Tuesday, August 7. They were supposed to be transported by Sariol to a residence in Maryland and they never arrived.

On Tuesday, August 7, an AMBER Alert was initiated for the child who is 12-years-old and believed to be in extreme danger. Her grandmother, Elizabeth, was also entered into a nationwide system as a missing person.

On Tuesday, August 7 around 5:00 p.m. Hareton Jamie Rodriguez Sariol was arrested in Lakawanna, PA, while driving a tractor and trailer. He is still in police custody and is being held there until his extradition to Harrisonburg.

Investigation

Through the course of the investigation, it was determined that Sariol was seen with the two females on Sunday, August 5 around 1:30 p.m. in the shopping center located at 2347 South Main Street. The vehicle was seen around 2:30 p.m. in the shopping center located at 259 Burgess Road

While in Harrisonburg, they were traveling in Sariol's 2001 red, two-door Honda Civic.

On Monday, August 6 around 3:00 a.m., a passerby reported a vehicle fire on I-66, near mile marker two. Sariol's red vehicle was fully engulfed in flames and has since been recovered by HPD and processed as evidence.

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Tips

Tips are being received by HPD. HPD and its partner agencies continue following up on these leads and the information received through the detectives' work.

Residents, property owners, and businesses are asked to report any information on the whereabouts of the two females immediately as detectives continue working on this case.

Anyone who may have seen Sariol's vehicle, the victims, or the offender between Sunday through Monday morning are asked to call police immediately. Locating Elizabeth and Angie remains the top priority.



Pictured above: Surveillance image of Sariol's vehicle (It has been recovered).

HPD remains the lead investigating agency, but is partnering with other local, state, and federal agencies to pursue information that is received in our area and surrounding jurisdictions.

Anyone with immediate information as to their whereabouts is asked to call 911 immediately. All other information and tips can be submitted through HPD's local Crime Solvers line at 540-574-5050 or text "HPD" plus their tip to CRIMES (274637).

Those seeking for information regarding the amber alert can visit www.<wbr>vaamberalert.com.